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Amendment

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1 – 30 were in the application. Claims 10 – 19 were allowed by the Examiner. Claims 1 – 4, 21, 24 – 25, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jeran et al. (US 6,643,037). Claims 5 – 9, 22 – 23, 26 – 27, and 29 – 30 were objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 20 was objected to because of an informality; the Applicants believe that claim 20, with the informality corrected, is also allowable.

Claims 5, 9, 22, 26, 29, and 30 are amended herewith to incorporate the limitations of the base claims from which they depend. Claim 20 has been amended to correct the informality noted by the Examiner.


The Applicants thus believe that the application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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